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I FEEL THE BEAST JUST BELOW THE SURFACE... I USE HIS INSTINCTS AND ENERGY.
WHAMM!
YY-ES!
NO ONE CAN--
THE RUSH IS INCREDIBLE... PLAYING LIKE THIS I FEEL ONLY A FEW HEARTBEATS FROM SPROUTING HORNS AND CLAWS.
BUT I REALLY SHOULDN'T DO THIS... IT ISN'T FAIR...
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND A NEW OPPONENT, RAV... I DON'T EVEN COME CLOSE ANYMORE!
HEY, C'MON, GUS... DON'T GET MOODY. YOU'RE A FINE GRAV-SQUASH PLAYER... I'VE, UH, JUST BEEN WORKING OUT A LOT-- THAT'S ALL.
YEAH, WELL... I'M HEADING FOR THE GYM... YOU COMING?
NO, I'M HITTING THE SHOWERS... CATCH YOU LATER.

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LATER...
TURN AROUND VERY SLOWLY...
LOOK, DUPLEDGE -- YOU'VE LOST... YOUR LITTLE PLAN TO MAKE ME DISAPPEAR DIDN'T WORK...
YOU'RE EVIL, RAVAGE... I CAN'T PROVE IT, BUT I KNOW YOU ARE!
I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU, BUT RECENTLY IT'S BEEN DIFFERENT...
EXACTLY! I DID SOME CHECKING AT "NEW BETHLEHEM" AND THERE ARE WILD STORIES ABOUT SOME MORNED ANIMAL OR MAN.
I'VE SEEN THAT STUFF MYSELF -- I THINK IT'S YOU -- NOW SHOW ME OR I'LL DRILL YOU FULL OF HOLES!
MY ADRENALINE IS PUMPING ... I WANT HIM TO SHOOT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A JERK, ALEC...
...NOW YOU'RE JUST A JERK WITH A GUN!
I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO ... I'D STILL BE WITH MIRANDA AND HAVE YOUR FAMILY BUSINESS!
BLAM BLAM
KRAKK!!
OH, NO..! DIE! WHY DON'T YOU DIE?
THIS IS FROM MY NIGHT-MARES!

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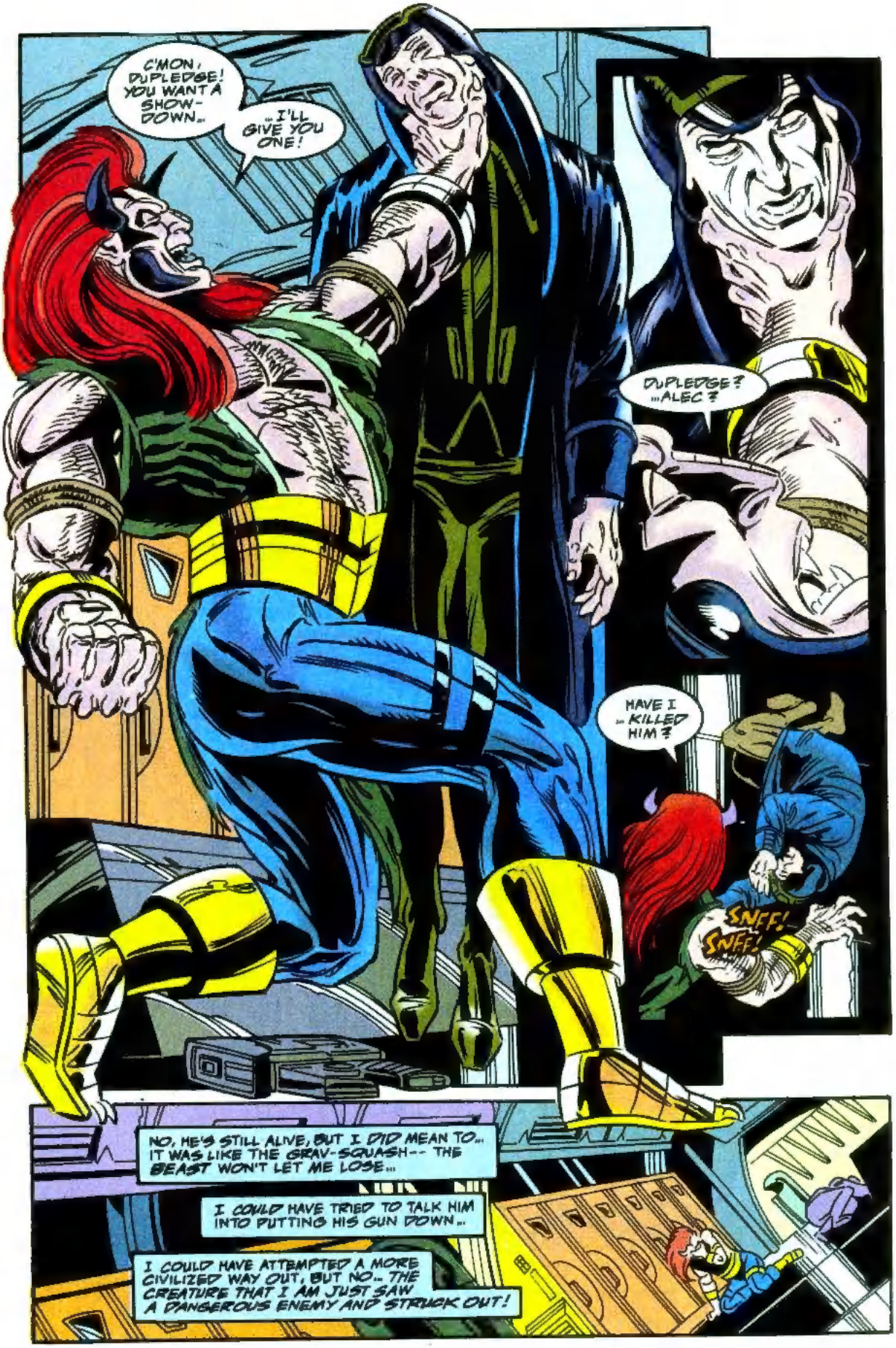
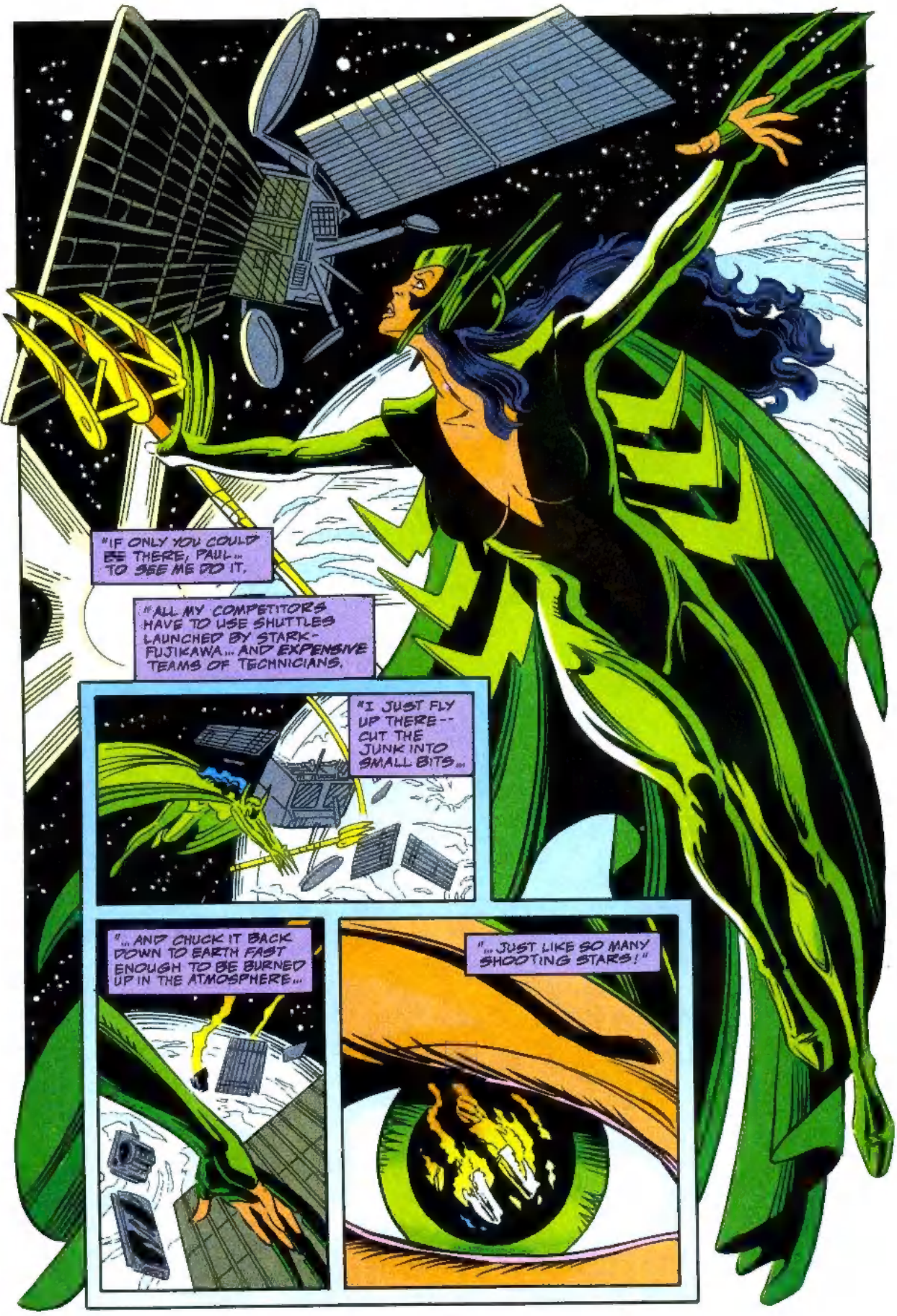

C'MON, DUPLEDGE! YOU WANT A SHOW-DOWN..
..I'LL GIVE YOU ONE!
DUPLEDGE? ..ALEC?
HAVE I ..KILLED HIM?
SNFF! SNFF!
NO, HE'S STILL ALIVE, BUT I DID MEAN TO.. IT WAS LIKE THE GRAV-SQUASH-- THE BEAST WON'T LET ME LOSE..
I COULD HAVE TRIED TO TALK HIM INTO PUTTING HIS GUN DOWN..
I COULD HAVE ATTEMPTED A MORE CIVILIZED WAY OUT, BUT NO.. THE CREATURE THAT I AM JUST SAW A DANGEROUS ENEMY AND STRUCK OUT!

ATTACK, YOU WORTHLESS BALL OF FUR! ATTACK!
I PAID ENOUGH FOR YOU, AND I WANT MY MONEY'S WORTH-- NOW, SPRING FOR ME AGAIN!
SKREOWWW! WHEN I ATTACK, YOU BEAT ME... I WON'T ATTACK.
KRAK!
ATTACK, I SAY! YOU'LL BE BEATEN IF YOU DON'T.
RAAAAGH! SSSSS! KATT WILL RIP AND BITE!
KATT WILL KILL YOU, AND RUN FREE...
NO, YOU WON'T...
...BUT IF IT'S FREEDOM YOU WANT-- I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO GET IT.
AAOWW!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PAIN-- THE ONE MAN THAT STANDS BETWEEN YOU AND FREEDOM.

THERE, KATT. THERE...
...THAT'S THE MAN WHO MAKES ME TREAT YOU LIKE THIS.
RRRGH! NOT REAL... PRETEND MEN -- BUT SMELL LIKE A MAN...
THEY'RE DUMMIES, KATT... AND THEY HAVE BEEN SCENTED TO SMELL LIKE THE BAD MAN.
HIS NAME IS RAVAGE.
HE'S EVIL, KATT... THAT'S WHY HE CHANGES HIS FORM -- IT'S TO TRICK GOOD KATTS...
...CAN HE TRICK YOU?
SKREEEOW! KATT NOT TRICKED! KATT KILL!
KILL THE EVIL RAVAGE!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, KATT... YOU'VE DONE WELL...
COME ON, I'LL FEED YOU NOW.


"IF ONLY YOU COULD BE THERE, PAUL... TO SEE ME DO IT.
"ALL MY COMPETITORS HAVE TO USE SHUTTLES LAUNCHED BY STARK-FUJIKAWA... AND EXPENSIVE TEAMS OF TECHNICIANS.
"I JUST FLY UP THERE-- CUT THE JUNK INTO SMALL BITS...
"...AND CHUCK IT BACK DOWN TO EARTH FAST ENOUGH TO BE BURNED UP IN THE ATMOSPHERE...
"...JUST LIKE SO MANY SHOOTING STARS!"

TROUBLE IS, THESE DAYS ALL MY CLIENTS WANT A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF MY METHODS... A BREAK-DOWN OF COSTS, ETC...
ALL THE RED TAPE IS SUCH A PAIN-- IF ONLY THEY'D JUST CHECK OUT MY RESULTS...
ZOO IN
ALL 200 SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN GENETICALLY MANUFACTURED TO SUIT THEIR CAGED ENVIRONMENTS. THIS IS AN ANIMAL-FRIENDLY FACILITY.
...THING IS, PAUL... I HAVE TO MAKE IT SOON. IF ALCHEMAX AND STARK-FUJI HAVE THEIR WAY, THE "ONE UP ONE DOWN" LAW WILL BE REVOKED...
AND THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING BACK INTO BEING SOME EXECUTIVE'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT. I-- PAUL, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
ER-- YEAH, SURE... "NO WAY YOU'RE GOING TO--"
WHA...?
SNARRL!
GROWWL!
...AND EVERYONE IN THE ORBIT CLEARANCE FIELD WILL BE OUT OF A JOB-- INCLUDING ME!
GROOOAARRR

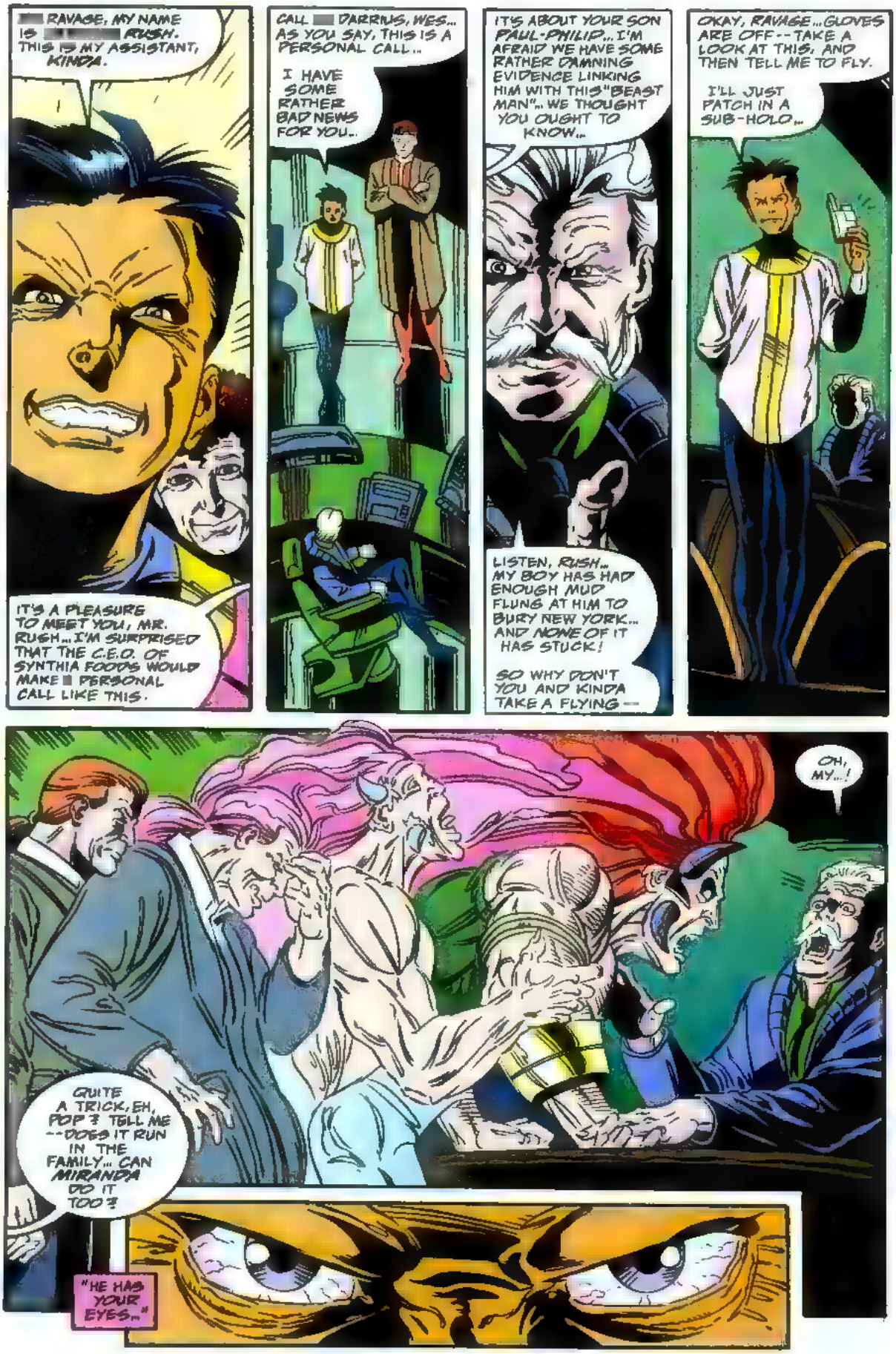
HAVE YOU GONE MAD? WHAT THE SHOCK WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
YOU NEARLY CHANGED BACK THERE! WHY DID THEY ATTACK YOU?
THEY RECOGNIZED ME FOR WHAT I WAS... AND THEY DIDN'T ATTACK... THAT'S JUST HOW WE ANIMALS COMMUNICATE.
THEY WERE ASKING ME TO HELP THEM ESCAPE... GENETICALLY CREATED OR NOT, THEY'RE NOT HAPPY IN THEIR CAGES.
AND YES... I MAY BE MAD, TIANA -- I THINK THE BEAST IN ME IS STARTING TO TAKE CONTROL...
...OR MAYBE I AM THE BEAST, AND I'M NOT HAPPY IN MY CAGE...
Y'KNOW, PAUL...YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT -- SAME SELF-OBSESSED RAVAGE YOU ALWAYS WERE.
I TALK ABOUT MYSELF FOR FIVE MINUTES AND... OFF YOU GO -- "MR. PROFOUND" AND HIS PROBLEMS... DID YOU HEAR A SINGLE WORD I SAID?
AS A MATTER OF FACT I HEARD EVERY WORD, TIANA...
...AND I THINK BEATING UP OLD SATELLITES TO MAKE A STASH OF MONEY IS A SHABBY MISUSE OF YOUR POWER.
YOU SANCTIMONIOUS, EGOISTIC, STUCK-UP...
...GOOD-BYE, PAUL-PHILIP!

WHY DID I SAY THAT? I DON'T BELIEVE THIS... I'VE DONE IT AGAIN.
I GUESS I SAID IT BECAUSE I MEANT IT... THE BEAST CAN'T BOTHERED TO LIE.
THERE'S SO MUCH I 'T KNOW ABOUT MYSELF... THE THING THAT I AM...
I CAN'T THOSE POOR ANIMALS -- IT WOULD MEAN THEIR DEATHS...
...BUT I COULD TRY TO FREE MYSELF...
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT? AND IT BETTER GOOD -- I'M MOOD TO BE JERKED AROUND!
WHOA! YOU'RE FAST... AIN'T NEVER SEE SUCH SPEED! WELL, LOOK... I'M JUST A MESSENGER, OKAY?
I NEVER KNOW WHO I'M DELIVERING FOR AND I DON'T CARE... THAT'S WHAT I'M PAID FOR.
HANDWRITTEN LETTER? NO HOLO, NO TRANS-INFO... I WONDER WHAT...?

THE HUNT IS ON. THIS FAIR WARNING, BEAST-MAN, PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE HUNTER! I COULD HAVE TAKEN YOU AT ANY TIME BUT I AM A SPORTSMAN AND PREFER MY QUARRY TO PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT!
SKRUNCH
COME HERE, YOU! WHO GAVE YOU THIS?
OW! HEY, LIKE I SAID, I DON'T KNOW... JUST SOME GUY--
--HE PAID ME AND POINTED YOU OUT IN THE CROWD--JUST FIVE MINUTES AGO WHEN YOU WAS TALKING TO THE LADY!
FIVE MINUTES.. HE'S PROBABLY STILL HERE-- I CAN GET HIS SCENT FROM THIS..
THIS JOB AIN'T SAFE NO MORE.. YOU BELONG IN A CAGE, MAN..!
HEY, WATCH IT, BOZO!
UGH! HE'S LIKE SOME ANIMAL!

HE'S [redacted] SOMEWHERE... REALLY CLOSE.
I'D BETTER TRANSFORM SOON--TO [redacted] ON THE SAFE SIDE.
GR.R.R.R.R
WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL [redacted] YOU, MY FRIEND? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
MY NAME IS KATT... AND YOU ARE RAVAGE AND MASTER BEAT ME BECAUSE OF YOU...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... DO I KNOW YOU?
WE DON'T FIGHT YET... KATT KILL YOU LATER WHEN YOU WAKE UP.
SWEET DREAMS, RAVAGE... SEE YOU IN DREAMLAND.
WAKE UP...? WHAT--
UNHH!

DON'T [redacted] STUPID, KYLE... IF THE OTHER BIG CITIES FOLLOW SUIT AND ALCHEMAX STARTS TO GET NERVOUS...
...WE SMALLER FISH CAN JUST SHOW A LITTLE INTEREST IN SYNTHIA FOODS...
THAT LITTLE CRUD [redacted] RUSH WOULD LOVE TO GET HIS PUDGY LITTLE HANDS ON OUR SHARE OF THE MARKET...
ALCHEMAX KNOWS THAT... THEY'LL BLUSTER A BIT, AND THEN COME ROUND--THEY ALWAYS DO.
THERE'S A HOLO-CALL FOR YOU, MR. RAVAGE... IT'S IMPORTANT.
OF COURSE IT'S IMPORTANT! YOU WOULDN'T DARE INTERRUPT ME IF IT WASN'T! ALL RIGHT, WALKER--LET IT THROUGH!
KYLE, WINNIE, TODD... YOU'LL HAVE TO PLAY ON WITHOUT ME... IT SEEMS I'LL NEVER REALLY RETIRE.
THINK NOTHING OF IT, WES... WE'LL MEET UP AT THE MARINA NEXT SATURDAY... CIAO.
RIGHT, WALKER... DON'T BRIEF ME--LET'S [redacted] WHO IT IS...


[redacted] RAVAGE, MY NAME IS [redacted] RUSH. THIS [redacted] MY ASSISTANT, KINDA.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MR. RUSH... I'M SURPRISED THAT THE C.E.O. OF SYNTHIA FOODS WOULD MAKE [redacted] PERSONAL CALL LIKE THIS.
CALL [redacted] DARRIUS, WES... AS YOU SAY, THIS IS A PERSONAL CALL...
I HAVE SOME RATHER BAD NEWS FOR YOU..
IT'S ABOUT YOUR SON PAUL-PHILIP... I'M AFRAID WE HAVE SOME RATHER DAMNING EVIDENCE LINKING HIM WITH THIS "BEAST MAN"... WE THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW...
LISTEN, RUSH... MY BOY HAS HAD ENOUGH MUD FLUNG AT HIM TO BURY NEW YORK... AND NONE OF IT HAS STUCK!
SO WHY DON'T YOU AND KINDA TAKE A FLYING —
OKAY, RAVAGE... GLOVES ARE OFF -- TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, AND THEN TELL ME TO FLY.
I'LL JUST PATCH IN A SUB-HOLO...
OH, MY...!
QUITE A TRICK, EH, POP? TELL ME -- DOES IT RUN IN THE FAMILY... CAN MIRANDA DO IT TOO?
"HE HAS YOUR EYES..."

WHERE THE SHOCK AM I?
NOW I REMEMBER... THE ZOO -- THAT FUNNY KATT CREATURE, AND...
...SOMEONE WITH A TRANK DART.
"THE HUNT IS TO THE DEATH!"
"THE HUNT IS TO THE DEATH!" WHAT RUBBISH IS THIS?
HELLO?! HEY, PSYCHO!
GAME'S OFF! NO HUNT TODAY--I WON'T PLAY!
TURN OFF THE HOLO...!
WHAT THE...?

THIS IS NOT A HOLO... I'M NOT IN NEW YORK...AND I'M NOT HAPPY!
I'M SERIOUS! TIME TO CHANGE, MR. RAVAGE!
HEY, SICKO! I'M NOT PLAYING... YOU WANT ME TO CHANGE--?
COME AND MAKE ME!
THAT SMELL. I RECOGNIZE IT.
I KILL YOU NOW... THEN I GO FREE.
KATT... LISTEN TO ME.. YOU'RE BEING USED... I THINK WE BOTH ARE.
IF YOU REFUSE TO ATTACK ME--IF I REFUSE TO TRANSFORM...MAYBE WE CAN BOTH WALK OUT OF HERE.
YAAGH!
MASTER WARNED ME YOU WERE A TRICKSTER!

I HATE BEING FORCED INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S GAMES... AND I DON'T WANT TO KILL THIS INDIVIDUAL...
SHAK!
BUT I'VE HAD IT! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE --AND ANYONE IN MY WAY GETS TAKEN APART!
RR
GH!
AAAAR

MASTER WARNED ME ABOUT--
AIEOWW!
OUT OF MY WAY, KATT! I'M GOING TO FIND YOUR "MASTER" AND FEED HIM HIS OWN INTESTINES!
UHN!
FAST! NEARLY FAST AS ME!
BAKK!
SKREOW!
NEARLY? HE IS AS FAST!
THAT HURTS!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

Is **Ron Lim** the hardest-working artist working in comics today? He just might be! Ron is the mega-popular penciler on such titles as NIGHTWATCH, SILVER SURFER, X-MEN 2099, and SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED! In fact, Ron is so busy, while we were interviewing him, he finished another six pages! We thought we'd go out on a Lim and find out what makes him tick!

and when you born?
I was born in Marysville, California in 1965.
How you break into comics?
I started off independent comics, doing work for some small publishers. I got my first break at Marvel when I was hired on spot by **Tom DeFalco** at Wonder-Con. My first job for Marvel was Black Panther story that wound up running in MARVEL SUPER-HEROES.
Who are some of your influences?
Neal Adams, **John Byrne**, and **George Perez** are the main three. Now I look everything, from American comics to Japanese manga.
you always a Silver Surfer fan?
Yeah, ever since I him in a one of those old Treasury Editions, those giant comics. I loved those old Treasury Editions. I wish they'd do more of them.
Since you work on the Silver Surfer, we're obligated to ask you this: have you ever surfed?
No! *(laughter)* I've never surfed in my entire life! This will probably shatter some illusions, but I've never set foot on a board!
What are some of your hobbies?
I'm huge movie buff. I'm especially into kung fu movies, Japanese animation, and action/adventure movies.
Who is your favorite action hero?
Jackie Chan is my favorite — he is way cool. And Sylvester Stallone!
Did you ever have crush on any of the girls from the Brady Bunch?
(laughter) No! But I watched every episode seven times!
How fast are you?
I usually average 2-3 pages day. That's working six to eight hours a day, five or six days a week. I enjoy the work, except when the Dreaded Deadline Doom is looming over my head! I take off one day a week to goof off, otherwise I'd go insane!
Do you like to ink your own work, or have other artists ink you?
I like working with other inkers. Currently I'm working with Jim Sanders, and we're working very well together. **Terry Austin** is probably my all-time favorite inker. Oh, and **Joe Sinnott**, because my all-time favorite comic book was the FF.
What comics would you like to work on that you haven't?
FANTASTIC FOUR, but I wouldn't want to do it unless I really had time to do it right. X-MEN ... and IRON MAN. I've always liked the idea of a guy in a suit of armor!

The galaxy of the 30th Century gets a little bigger this month as the GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY celebrate their fiftieth issue, and their first limited series spin-off — GALACTIC GUARDIANS! GUARDIANS #50, a double-sized issue with a foil-enhanced cover, concludes the story that's been building up for the past year!

The issue features the final fates of Protegé, the Beyonder, Mephisto, and Malevolence — among other surprises! Editor **Craig Anderson** promised this issue would feature "more cosmic stuff than you shake your big toe at!"

GUARDIANS #50 is written by **Michael Gallagher**, with breakdowns by **Kevin West**, and finishes by **Steve Montano**. That creative team is also responsible for GALACTIC GUARDIANS, a four-issue spin-off series, only with Kevin contributing full pencils instead of just breakdowns.

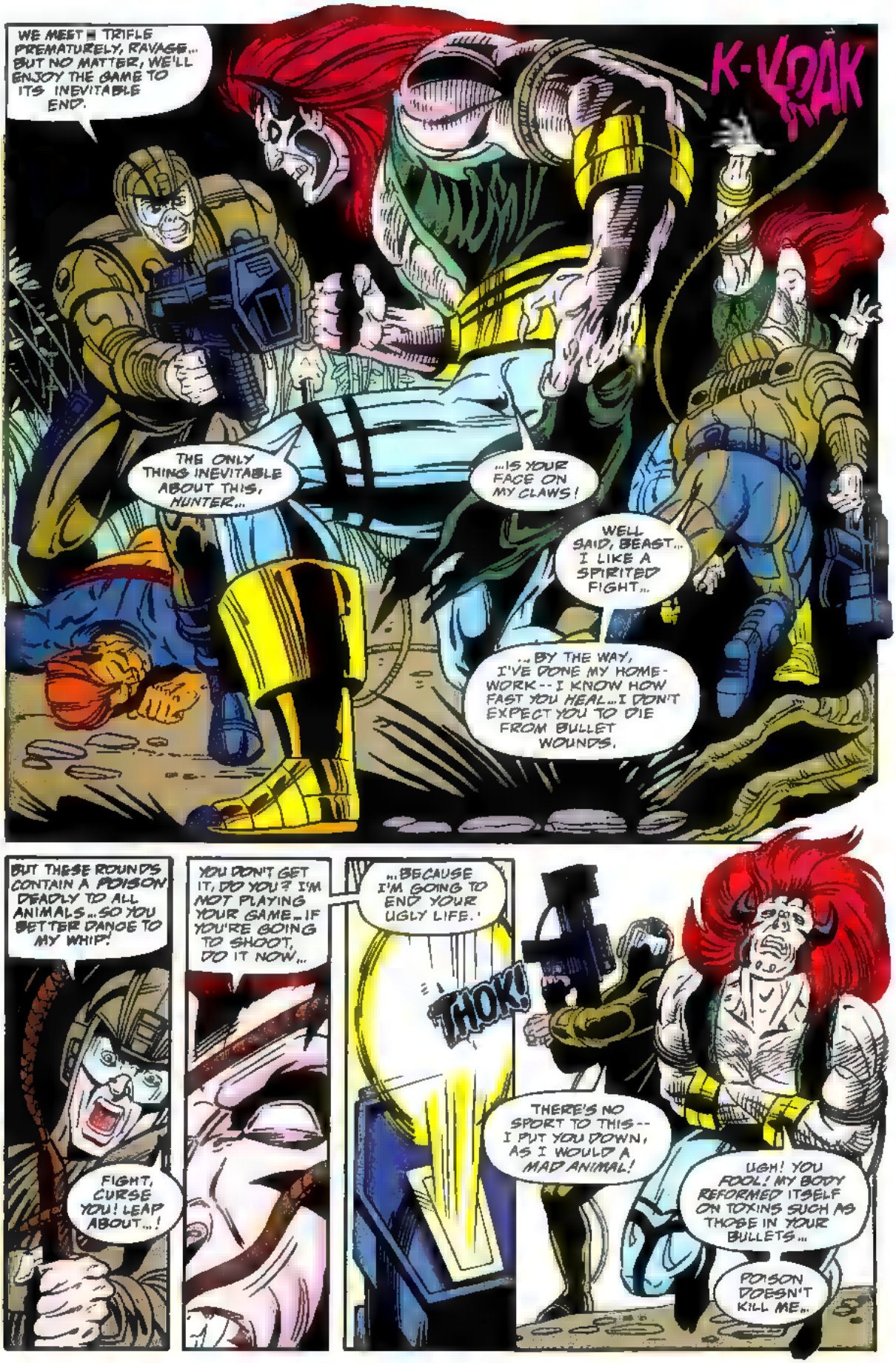
GALACTIC GUARDIANS #1 has the future super-team living up to their name they defend the entire galaxy from a of aliens led by the ultra-evil Ubiquitor! The first strike comes when the sinister Silverback invades Asgard, where he comes face-to-face with the son of Thor, Woden! The lim series will also focus on the thousand-year feud between Hollywood and Mainframe, and will provide amazing insights into the War of the Worlds!

Asked what makes the GALACTIC GUARDIANS different from the GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY, Craig said, "We're talking about much higher power levels. The GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY are the last surviving members of their races — Charlie-27, Nikki, etc. The GALACTIC GUARDIANS are the 30th Century versions of Phoenix, Fireford, Wonder Man, Ghost Rider — and the son of Thor be joining, as well. To put it in military terms, the Guardians of the Galaxy are bullet. The Galactic Guardians are an atom bomb!" Craig noted that GALACTIC GUARDIANS is "the most demanded series of all time from my office — no lie!" If their first Limited Series takes off, you can expect to see more GALACTIC GUARDIANS in your future.

If you haven't entered the 30th century for a while, now is the time!

- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #381:** Here's something to shout about — **Shriek** is back! By DeMatteis/Bagley/Emberlin!
- **BARBIE #43:** Take a sea cruise with Ken! By State/Cool/Lucas!
- **BLACKWULF #2:** Meet the new Blackwulf — he's not the same as the old Blackwulf! By Harding/Medina/Anderson!
- **CONAN CLASSIC #2:** Nominated for best story of 1971! By Thomas/Windsor-Smith/Buscema!
- **CONAN SAGA #88:** It would be a shame if Belit loses the throne of Shem! By Thomas/Buscema/Chiarl
- **GHOST RIDER #51:** There's no catch here — Dan Ketch is back as Ghost Rider! By Mackie/Larrocal
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #52:** The final future fates of **Mephisto**, **Beyonder** ... and more! By Gallagher/West/Montano!
- **MANOR ANNUAL #4:** HYDRA wants a war between Atlantis and the surface world! By Bollers/Davis!
- **NIGHT THRASHER #12:** Thrash is given a noose for a necktie in the pre-Civil War South! By Nicieza/Boller!
- **PRISON COLONY #2 OF 3:** on the movie! Will Robbins make it out alive? By Salick/Harris/Ivy!
- **PUNISHER WAR ZONE #29:** Frank enters the jungle of no return! By Dixon/Buscema!
- **QUASAR #60:** Quasar visits **Thanos** — what a way to spend your last days! By Marz/Smith/Cabera!
- **RAVAGE 2099 #20:** There's nothing craven about ... the Hunter! By Mills & Skinner/Mehrn/Adams!
- **SACHS & VIOLENS #4 OF 4:** Mayhem at the Mardi Gras! By David/Perez!
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #17: Deadpool** drops in to hunt for the **Moebius Stone**! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/DeCaire/Hudson!
- **SILVER #28:** Can the **Trapster** make it as a Wild Packer? By Arcudi/Mahnkel/Almond Christopher!
- **SPIDER-MAN TPB: ROUND ROBIN:** See the sidekick's revenge! By Milgrom/Bagley/Emberlin!
- **WAR MACHINE #4:** We'd advise War Machine not to fight the **Advisor**! Kanaski & Benson/Gecko/Ecklund!
- **WOLVERINE #83:** A Japanese vacation with **Sunfire** and **Silver Samurai**! By Kama/Kubert/Sellers!
- **X-FACTOR #104:** It's total havoc as **Mister Sinister** possesses Havok! By DeMatteis/Duursema/Milgrom!
- **X-MEN ADVENTURES: SEASON 2 #6:** Gambit goes to New Orleans to save his brother! By Macchio/Heberl!
- **X-MEN: THE EARLY YEARS #3:** Meet the fattest mutant of them all — the Blob! By Lee/Kirby!

NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE.. BUT IT FEELS RIGHT.. I COULD JUST GRIND HIS NECK TO A BLOODY PULP..!
GORRREOWW! PLEASE NO! PLEASE NOT KILL KATT!
ARRROOW! MASTER, MASTER! HELP KATT.. RAVAGE TOO STRONG!
THAT'S IT, KATT.. RUN BACK TO "MASTER".. I WANT TO MEET THIS %$#$*..!
YOU BRAINLESS CARPET! I TOLD YOU TO WEAKEN HIM... NOT LEAD HIM TO ME!
I'LL PROTECT YOU ALL RIGHT...
THOK!
THOK!
PLEASE, PROTECT KATT..!
Nooo!


WE MEET A TRIFLE PREMATURELY, RAVAGE... BUT NO MATTER, WE'LL ENJOY THE GAME TO ITS INEVITABLE END.
K-KRAK
THE ONLY THING INEVITABLE ABOUT THIS, HUNTER...
...IS YOUR FACE ON MY CLAWS!
WELL SAID, BEAST... I LIKE A SPIRITED FIGHT...
...BY THE WAY, I'VE DONE MY HOME-WORK -- I KNOW HOW FAST YOU HEAL... I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO DIE FROM BULLET WOUNDS.
BUT THESE ROUNDS CONTAIN A POISON DEADLY TO ALL ANIMALS... SO YOU BETTER DANCE TO MY WHIP!
FIGHT, CURSE YOU! LEAP ABOUT...!
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? I'M NOT PLAYING YOUR GAME... IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT, DO IT NOW...
...BECAUSE I'M GOING TO END YOUR UGLY LIFE.'
THOK!
THERE'S NO SPORT TO THIS -- I PUT YOU DOWN, AS I WOULD A MAD ANIMAL!
UGH! YOU FOOL! MY BODY REFORMED ITSELF ON TOXINS SUCH AS THOSE IN YOUR BULLETS...
POISON DOESN'T KILL ME...

...IT MAKES ME STRONGER!
THAT BLOW I JUST GAVE YOU WAS FOR ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE PUT ME THROUGH...
IT'S WEIRD... THE POISON IN THE BULLETS SPEEDS UP MY HEALING PROCESS.
...THESE CLAWS ARE FOR THE POOR CREATURE YOU USED AND SHOT. DID HE MEAN NOTHING TO YOU...?
ARGH! HE WAS NOTHING... I MEAN-- I BOUGHT HIM...
...HE--HE WAS NO MORE IMPORTANT THAN A CAT IN THE ZOO!
SNARL! WRONG ANSWER, HUNTER!
AEEGH!!
IF THIS IS A HUMAN... I'M PROUD TO BE AN ANIMAL!
I'M CLOSER TO KATT THAN THIS SICK PIECE OF CRUD... THE WAY I FEEL NOW-- I NEVER WANT TO CHANGE BACK!

NEXT: THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!

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Out Of My Head

LIFE IN NYC

"But it's not open!" said the little girl just as the elevator doors parted.

"I don't care if it's not open, you still can't have it!" her mom said. With that, they went out into the rain.

The woman upstairs punched her floor. I punched mine. We saw a pack of gum that someone had left...right above the elevator inspection certificate.

"Somebody must have dropped it...and somebody else must have found it on the floor and put it up there."

"Or it's poison gum," the woman said. "Somebody poisoned the gum and left it there for somebody to take."

When I went downstairs again to do my laundry, the pack of gum was gone.

Dear *Rants & Raves*,

I love all the 2099 comics especially this one. When I picked up issue #1, I thought I had Ravage pegged, a Punisher-like guy who hated litterbugs. Now, a 180-degree turn later, Ravage is a savage beast who howls at night and runs a big corporation by day. The villains are extremely intriguing: Dethstryke, the mysterious masked overlord of Hellrock, Dragonklaw, would-be ruler of the sea, the citizens of Hellrock (if you can call mutroids citizens), Miranda (Ravage's merciless sister), and now a totally awesome-looking new villain, Throwback. He is to Ravage what Venom was to Spider-Man or what Bullseye was to Daredevil. Your cover on issue #16 said it all, "A Madman to Match the Fury of Ravage."

So Miranda wants to take over Green Globe and get rid of her brother, huh? I can't wait to see what lengths she'll go to get Paul-Philip deposed. I can't wait to see Tiana and Dack back in these pages. Keep creating new and different characters! I love the writing and art! Please don't change a thing. I don't think it could get any better.

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Writers as inventive as Pat and Tony constantly get ideas for new characters! But they've also made plans to bring back one of the ones you mentioned!

Dear RAVAGE 2099 crew,

Issue #16 was mad! This Throwback guy is excellent! Dr. Menkel—is he like Dr. Giggles or what? Man, he's cold! It's good to see ol' Ravage fighting for the environment again. In issues #8-15, it just seemed that he was fighting to clear his name.

Will Tiana and Ravage ever get back together? Is Tiana ever going to get out of Hsin's costume?

Will there be another fight between Ravage and Bloodhawk from the X-Men 2099?

P.S. There is a suburb of Sydney, Australia with the zip code 2099.

Dan Lawrence
(Address withheld by request)

They'll get back, Dan, but not the way you think. By the way, although Tiana retained her Hela powers from the crossover, she doesn't have to wear the costume to use them.

As for Bloodhawk, he'll guest-star in DOOM 2099 #20.

Dear 99ers,

RAVAGE 2099 is by far the best 2099 comic of all! You guys have created a winner! The crossover was spectacular (issue #15) and the artwork of Throwback was absolutely stunning (issue #16).

1) Will Ravage go through any more changes?

2) Will Dragonklaw make an appearance soon?

3) I've heard rumors of a monthly HULK 2099 title. Is this true?

4) Will Ravage and the Hulk 2099 clash anytime soon?

You have a great mag! Keep it going (for another 2099 years)!

Ryan Brayman
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HULK 2099 premieres soon! And yes, you may see Ravage appear. As for Ravage changing, due to the nature of Ravage's radiation-induced condition, change is almost inevitable.

Dear Mr. Cavalieri,

I am writing to tell you how much I like your comic book RAVAGE 2099. It is fun to read and interesting. It also helps me learn to read.

David Richman
(Address withheld by request)

And the best thing about reading is the more you do it the more fun it gets!

Dear crew of RAVAGE 2099,

Hey, I've got one word for you guys: awesome! You guys are doing very well with your new line of comics. I mean, you've got excellent plots, supreme characters and a futuristic world so violent and full of villains, what could possibly go wrong (or is it right)? I'd like to commend you people on a job well done, especially Grant Miehm and his fantastic artwork. I really loved how you combined all the 2099 characters (Punisher, Spider-Man, Doom, Ravage and the X-Men) to fight together and save the world from Valhalla in the "Fall of the Hammer" crossover.

You've done a wonderful job on this comic! I'm always eagerly looking for the next issue. Keep 'em coming! Adios amigos!

Jeremy Doby
(Address withheld by request)

Gracias, Jeremy, and thanks for Grant too: one of the most underrated artists in comics today.

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

Right now, Matt is trying to get this letters page from Joey so we can get this book out on time.

Right now, Alcatena has finished the Radian solo story.

Right now, Joey has been without caffeine for ten days.

Right now, the Public Enemy solo story has been slated for its premiere in 2099 UNLIMITED.

Right now, Gerry Jones is working on THE HULK 2099 #1.

Right now, Joey can use some coffee, but he isn't getting any.

Right now, Doom is in the 2099 version of the Savage Land, courtesy of Messrs. Moore, Broderick and Nyberg.

Right now, the copy machine is busted.

Right now, Matt 'n' Lis have given up, so Joey is stuck in the office on Saturday to finish this.

Right now, he's resorting to this cheesy parody of that Van Halen video to get the job done.

NEXT ISSUE

You wanna know right now? The return of a supporting cast member you haven't seen in a long time, and didn't expect!

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